GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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PROMOTION OF MAGIC
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government promotes various cultural activities including magic show through schemes and Zonal Cultural Centres;

(b) whether magic as a cultural activity is currently on decline in India; and

(c) if so, steps being taken to popularise Indian magic both within the country and abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes Sir,. Details of various Schemes being operated by Department of Culture for promotion of various cultural activities are reflected in the statement. Further Details can be obtained from the `Samarthan`, Brochure which is available in Parliament Library and website of Department of Culture `www.indiaculture.org`. Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals, grants are given for production of magic shows. The Zonal Cultural Centres have been promoting magic by providing opportunity to various magicians during cultural programmes organised by ZCCs in their respective regions.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

LIST OF SCHEMES BEING DEALT IN DEPTT. OF CULTURE

1. Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas.

2. Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture.

3. Preservation and Development of Buddist/Tibetan Culture and Art.

4. Scheme for Building Grants to Cultural Organisations.

5. Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Art Projects.

6. Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Celebration of Centenaries/Anniversaries.

7. Development and Maintenance of National Memorials.

8. Scholarships to Young Workers in different Cultural Fields.

9. Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships to Outstanding Artists in the field of Performing, Literary and Plastic Arts.

10. Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships to outstanding Artists in New Areas.

11. Award of Emeritus Fellowships to most eminent Artists in the field of Performing, Literary and Visual Arts.

12. Kumar Gandharv Fellowship.

13. Financial Assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who may be in indigent circumstances and their dependents.

14. Research Support to Voluntary Organisations engaged in Cultural Activities.

15. Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums.

16. Setting up of Multipurpose Cultural Complexes including those for Children.